

## GROUP RIDING RULES

*Please review these group riding rules. If you have any questions or need clarification please find a road guard.*

Group riding requires great attention to your surroundings and can be hazardous. If you are uncomfortable with group riding or find that you have a hard time maintaining adequate distance (either too close or too far away) please ride in the back of the group. As much as possible you should accelerate slowly and brake slowly. This will reduce the “bungee” effect that a group suffers at the back of a pack. If you have a medical or mechanical problem please pull over to the side of the road and wave both hands overhead. A Road Guard at the back of the pack will stop to assist you.

We will be using **staggered riding formation**. Road guards are the only ones who may ride side by side if necessary. No other side by side riding will be allowed.

**Staggered riding formation** allows each bike to maneuver to the right or left without hitting another bike. Please allow enough room for the person in front of you to swerve if necessary!

The lead bike should be in the left 1/3 of the lane.

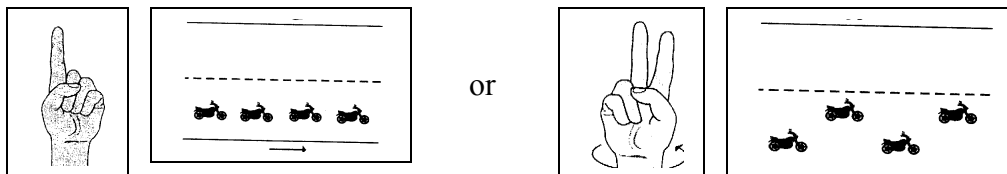
The second bike should be in the right 1/3 of the lane.

Trikes and Side cars should ride in the center of the lane. They will require the entire lane.

Judge your space by the bike directly in front of you **in your 1/3 of the lane**. Maintain a distance of approximately 2 seconds from the bike directly in front of you. Do not allow yourself to get along side of the bike to your right or left. Tighten your formation when you stop to take up less space. It's O.K. to pull alongside a stopped bike. The bike on the left proceeds first.

Stay behind the bike in front of you in your 1/3 of the lane. Do not move back and forth between lanes. If there is a hole in the formation, move forward to fill it.

Do not allow too much space in the pack since this invites cars to try to “jump in”.



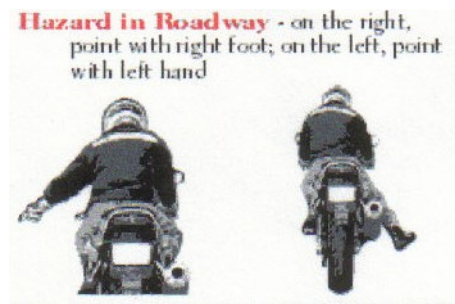
**Single File formation** will be used in a couple areas. Road guards will determine when to use single file such as when road conditions require this (ie: road construction, narrow road). **Single File formation** is indicated by the lead Road Guard holding up one finger high over your head and moving to either the right or the left 1/3 of the lane. Please pass the signal along and move behind the head road guard maintaining a 2 second distance. Do not make quick movements, slam on your brakes, or cut people off. Once the road condition improves the head road guard will hold up two fingers and you may resume staggered riding formation.

A road guard may signal for you to pull over if they notice something loose on your bike or notice a rider driving erratically. If a Road Guard signals for you to pull over, please move to the shoulder of the road slowly and safely. **The rest of the group should continue on.** Once the problem is addressed, you will join the back of the group until the next stop.

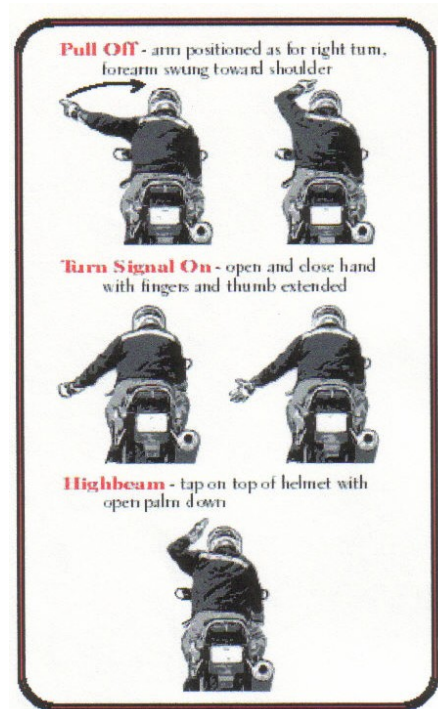
Thanks. Ride safely and courteously!

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Hazards in the road: Only point to hazards in our lane that we are traveling in. Do not point to shoulder of the road or items in the opposite lane unless they are able to move (ie: dog or deer that are alive). When pointing at items that are on the left, use your finger. When pointing at items on the right, use your foot so that you don't have to release the throttle and can maintain a steady speed. Riders should pass this signal along.



Other common hand signals may include:



**Stop** - arm extended straight down, palm facing back



**Slow Down** - arm extended straight out, palm facing down

